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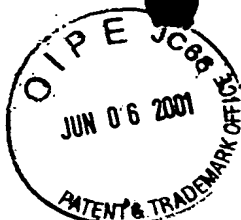
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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 7 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 08 July 1999 (08.07.99)	Date of completion of this report 08 December 1999 (08.12.1999)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP98/06020

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages 1-5, filed with the letter of 08 November 1999 (08.11.1999),
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. 1-6, filed with the letter of 08 November 1999 (08.11.1999),
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/2,2/2, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☒ the claims, Nos. 7-9

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/EP 98/06020**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE-A-195 32 685

D3: DE-A-196 46 318.

2. D1, which is considered the closest prior art, already discloses (cf. column 2, lines 17 to 33) a floor carpet laying system as per the preamble of Claim 1.

The subject matter of Claim 1 therefore differs from this known floor carpet laying system by the features in the characterizing part.

Consequently the subject matter of Claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3. The object to be achieved by the present invention can thus be regarded as the selection of a design for the thickened portions of the stalk-like parts of the interlocking elements.

The approach proposed in the characterizing part can be considered inventive (PCT Article 33(3)) since,

although the shape of the thickened portions is already known from D3, the prior art gives a person skilled in the art no suggestion of providing an adhesive in the depressions.

4. The subjects of dependent Claims 2 to 6 each cover the subject matter of Claim 1 and hence for the same reason can also be considered novel and inventive.